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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a Reply to the Restriction Requirement, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2003. A petition to extent the shortened statutory period for replying to the Restriction Requirement for three months, from February 8, 2003 to May 8, 2003, and the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith.

In reply to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II (Claims 14-26), directed to cell populations which co-express CD49c and CD90, but do not express bone sialoprotein for prosecution, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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If the examiner would like to discuss the Reply to Restriction Requirement, she is invited to call Applicants' undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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